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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Preparedness Investigating  
Subcommittee on Soviet Military Posture

1. This memorandum is for information.
2. You will recall that in the middle of June the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee requested that the Agency brief them, as it has in prior years, on the Soviet military posture so that they would be in a better position to make their determinations with respect to U. S. programs which were to be presented by Department of Defense components.
3. When we consulted Senator Richard B. Russell with respect to the requested briefing, he indicated he did not see how we could avoid it. Senator Russell indicated of course that the Agency should deal only with conclusions and not how we reach them. I understand when the request of the Subcommittee was mentioned to you, you also felt that we would probably have to do this and that you requested that it be delayed until completion of the basic estimate. We informed the Subcommittee staff of the difficulty in timing since the intelligence estimate on this subject was then in process. We have delayed further commitments to the staff.
4. It is my understanding that at the White House briefing this morning the President expressed considerable concern with respect to the distribution of this information, not only from a standpoint of source but also as to the conclusions involved. The Subcommittee staff has again queried us concerning the timing of the briefing. You may wish to give consideration to this outstanding request in connection with the general problem of specific distribution of the information contained in the estimate.

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